

SIDE B--TAPE #18

KF Bunny Blieshack was a girl of about 27, about 5'4", average build, redish brown hair, and a bad complection. When Jay went to the hotel for briefings, he would sometimes find the negotiating team in the French Restaurant, which they frequently used, and he would come in in his stocking cap and great big down jacket, and they would joke that he would get them thrown out of a pretty decent restaurant.

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JH I believe we were asked generally about eleven people being in close surroundings.

KF Yes.

JH One of the activities was who of us...I forget who, somebody played chef, there was a spagetti dinner or something like that. And we ate. We had a Betamax television apparatus, which we had carried from the...I think we had it in the hotel previously, and we carried over to the house, and set it up to watch various, oh, football games, and movies and things like that, there was some card playing, I basically spent time reading books. One time, I suppose it would be Monday night, because that was the only night that we spent there, all of us spent there...there was...we were more or less prepared for the trip to the Turkish border. At that time it looked like all eleven of us would go. Jay Coburn had been trying to make arrangements, I believe, primarily through [REDACTED] ^{Majid} to obtain a third vehicle, hopefully a Range Rover, a station wagon or something that was sturdy enough to make the trip and could carry some of us. We went through figuring out outfits that we would wear. I happen to be about the same size as Bill Dvoranchik, whose house we were at, and came up with some wild concoction of stocking caps and sport coats, and

JH other attire. We were assuming at that time that we would be engaged cont. in a long, uncomfortable, cold drive to the border, and then a horseback ride of several hours in fairly cold weather, across the border. So we were getting our outfits together for that. We also, during the day on Monday, we called the Tehran office of EDS where all the Iranian employees were that day, trying to keep things relatively under control there, without any undue suspicion and to keep track of what was going on. We found that Dadgar's staff had made two inquiries that day, at the EDS office in Tehran. One to a long time EDS Iranian employee, one of the first Iranians that EDS employed, and therefore had been working for EDS for three or four years.

KF What was his name?

JH Her name was Nazi Jennabsdeh, who reportedly replied that she didn't know the names of any of the Americans, that was flat out prevarication. Another call went to Paul Chiapparone's former secretary, a wonderful young lady named Azar Ansari, or something like that, who reportedly said, well you'll have to ask that question of Lloyd Briggs who is in charge of the office, asked where is Lloyd Briggs, and she says, I'm sorry he's out of the country now. And they said, well, who is in charge of the office now. Well, Keane Taylor is then. Well, could I talk to Keane Taylor, I'm sorry he's not in the office now. So they had effectively given Dadgar's staff the run around as far as identification of the Americans that were in the country. I was intrested in that inquiry, because one thing that I was concerned about is to what extent Dadgar might expand his investigation, or his dragnet, beyond Paul and Bill, to other people that he thought might be associated with them. The people that he would be primarily aware of, being myself, Bob Young, and Keane Taylor as people that...Americans that had dealt with him on behalf of EDS. We pretty much spent Monday night watching TV, reading books, taking cat naps off and on, most of us just layed on the floor with a pillow, or a coat or something to lay our head on, didn't get much sleep that night.

KF Did you read?

JH I'm not sure, I don't think I did much reading then. I did accumulate several paper back books that I ended up taking to Lou Goelz's house the next day, one of which was The Deep, because we had seen, almost, but not quite all of the movie, on the plane from London to Amman, Jordan. Ross, Bob Young and I had taken, and they had gotten screwed up on their time and they didn't start the movie, but the plane landed just at the end, when everything was about to happen. So it was hard to figure out how the good guys won and the bad guys lost, I got that novel.

KF Did you know that the Queen of Jordan had been on that flight and had asked them to circle so that she could see the end of the movie before you landed?

JH Well, I didn't know it was...Yes I did, I'm not sure that I was aware that it was the Queen, I knew it was some part of the Royal personage there. I was not aware that they had asked to circle. One side antidote there, as I mentioned earlier, Ross had somewhat unexpectedly caught up with us in London, and joined us on the flight to Amman, Jordan, and we were trying to keep a fairly low profile, and he ended up sitting next to a gentleman who knew him from, if I remember, the boy scout activity in the United States. So they played old times on the airplane ride from London to Amman. I forget, there was another particular novel that I remember...I can't think of now, Intrigue of the Middleast of some sort or the other, caught my fancy from Bill Dvoranchik's collection. The Colonel had decided that the best time to leave Tehran would be early morning. Because at the time they had the local road blocks the least and we could get furtherest down the road before anything could happen.

KF And this is now the morning of Wednesday the 14th of February.

JH No. Actually I'm still back on Monday the 12th of February. We had these discussions and he'd explained that probably early morning is when we would need to leave. Tuesday morning we were not ready to leave, and activity from the revolution was still pretty high, so we made no serious attempt at leaving. But the Colonel was very anxious to get on the road as soon as possible. Logistics were the major problem, we had more people than we really had transportation to accommodate. During the day, through telephone conversations with the United States primarily, and this is on Tuesday the 13th, I suppose. It began to look like there were going to be some evacuation flights from Tehran in the reasonably near future. Nobody knew exactly what the schedule was, but the US government was helping with evacuation flights. So the Colonel began to look toward that as a possibility. He expressed some displeasure at the lack of cooperation we had from the State Department. He said there are so many ways that they could get somebody out of the country and protect them if they wanted to. Put them in a case, or something, ship them out as cargo. He said if the State Department would be interested in helping that it would be a snap. That there are all sorts of ways that he could think of to get people out, but he had to proceed on the assumption that they were not going to help at all.

KF When you say he expressed displeasure, he was, not a man to mince his words, do you remember what he said?

JH No, I can't give you a verbatim quote. But you are right, the words were not extremely minced. Let's see, where was I...

KF He was saying that the State Department could get people out if they were willing to help, and obviously they weren't willing to help.

JH So he had pretty well decided that he, in his ways was going to have to take care of getting Paul and Bill out, and that he'd turn to the evacuation flights as, I think primarily, a way to alleviate the logistical problem of having to arrange transportation and take care of

JH everybody. In particular, Kathy Gallagher, was with us and was
cont. having some female problems, heavy menstrual bleeding, that we were
somewhat concerned about her well being. We decided to talk to Lou
Goelz, Lou Goelz was the US Council General in Iran that we had been
dealing with on this matter since the beginning. And he had more or
less turn from a foe to a friend, we felt fairly comfortable that Lou
was on our side, at least. Bill Gayden went over to Lou's house on
Tuesday afternoon to find out what he could about the evacuation
flights and to see what assistance the Embassy staff might be to us.
Bill Gayden's primary story was that we had heard that the prison had
been overrun and that Paul and Bill were somewhere, we didn't know
where. That we had decided that there was no need for all of us to
stay in country in these turmoils of times, and what we ought to do is
keep some people in country, trying to establish contact with Paul and
Bill, and then let the rest of us leave. And so therefore, we would be
interested in some, but not all of us, getting out of the country as
quickly as possible, namely on these evacuation flights. Lou didn't
have much real information to give him as far as when flights might
occur, but said that he'd certainly be willing to help, that any or all
of us could stay at his house, or he would arrange for us to stay at
the Embassy, and he'd help us get on the evacuation flights as soon as
they started, and thought that he could include us with the Embassy
staff, or whatever, the Embassy staff might be evacuated too.

KF Was his house Embassy property, or off property?

JH It was not...It was about two block, probably, from the Embassy
compound itself.

KF So, it wasn't American soil.

JH Right, it was not American soil. Bill Gayden came back, reported that
he and the Colonel had a conference, and the Colonel had announced
that he was going to divide the group, that six of them would be
going overland, with Paul and Bill to Turkey, and that five of us,

JH consisting of myself, Bob Young, Joe Poche, Kathy and Rich Gallagher cont. would go to the Embassy to await evacuation flights. We discussed a little bit whether we should go to Lou Goelz's house or the Embassy compound, and decided we should go to the Embassy compound...

KF When you say the Colonel announced, was it like that, with no discussion?

JH Pretty much. During the entire time period the Colonel was not dictatorial in a sense that he would make a decision and impose it, he was open to suggestions, he would explain the problem, he would explain his reasoning process, but he would make the decision. And he, in that case announced that as his decision. I...he asked for comments on the decision, and I said, well, I think that makes sense. You know, I raised the issue, should we consider who was going overland and who was not going overland. In particular, I pointed out that Bill Gayden had not been...had been undercover, in effect. And nobody on Dadgar's staff knew him or would recognized, but the Colonel said he had thought about that, that Gayden is a senior officer of the company, and as one of the people involved in the original contract procurement, and was too high a commodity and that he decided he ought to go overland. I was...I guess I had not tried to allocate how I would divide the team. I thought that probably Joe Poche was a good choice, because he had been pretty much undercover, and nobody within Dadgar's staff would recognize him. The Gallegher's were probably pretty safe. Bob Young was one that I had questions, he had been involved in the contract in the early stages and had been dealing alot with Dadgar's staff. I thought that my status as a lawyer would probably insulate me, at least to some degree from retribution, or vengeance, what have you. But anyway, it was announced with a fairly brief discussion as to the make up of the teams. But nothing significant there. Then we kind of set about arranging for those of us who in fact were going to leave, to get our stuff together. I raised the issue of establishing a consistent cover story for those of us who were going to stay, on the assumption that

JH cont. we at one point might be picked up and interrogated about where we had been since the previous week. And I was concerned that we all have the same story to tell. My preference was that we tell exactly the story as it happened, excluding the part about Paul and Bill coming to the hotel, and about anybody else being in Dvoranchik's apartment. That we just, after the revolution, where we didn't think the hotel was safe, and we decided to go to one of the house, and went to Dvoranchik's house and stayed there so many days, and then followup with Bill Gayden's story to Lou Goelz, that those of us who were no longer needed in the country went to Lou Goelz's, or to the Embassy for evacuation, and the others were somewhere in Tehran looking for Paul and Bill, to the best of our knowledge. That was...the group decided that, and it was, I don't remember anybody in particular making the decision but it was decided that would probably not be a good story to tell, because it might expose the landlady at the Dvoranchik's house, to some exposure. She evidently lived just above the Dvoranchik's and had some knowledge of the goings on downstairs, and had been very good about not inquiring further. So they felt that we wouldn't want to expose her to that. So the story was changed to, that we had gone to Keane Taylor's place, and had spent a few days there. That gave me a little bit of pause, because I hadn't been to Keane Taylor's place, and couldn't tell as good a story about what I'd done at Keane Taylor's place as I could tell about what I'd done at Bill Dvoranchik's place. But that was decided to be our story. We packed up, got in the car and drove...We decided to go to Lou Goelz's house first, to check in with him, and then we went to the Embassy compound. We got to Lou's house fairly late, it was almost dusk. And Lou said, well, it's late, the Embassy is pretty crowded, because there are alot of people at the Embassy compound. I'm not sure of the accommodations for you, why don't you stay here tonight. And I'm going over there tomorrow, I'll check and find a place for you. And we said, fine, he again offered to let us stay at his house, we said, no, we think we better go to the Embassy compound. So we spent the night at Lou's house, which was nice. He had spare bedrooms, he had hot water...

KF This is the night of Wednesday.

JH This is the night of Tuesday. Tuesday the 13th.

KF So you left the evening before the morning when the dirty team left.

JH Yes. At the time we left the plan was that they would attempt to leave the next morning. The logistical problem had been solved, of having too many people. The only problem was, was it safe enough. And the plan was that in the pre-dawn hours, kind of scouting parties would go out and see how active it was. If it was calmed down enough from the revolution a few days ago, they would take off Wednesday morning, if it was too active they would wait and take off Thursday. That was one of our pieces of information. We did not know until later if they got off Wednesday or not. So we spent Tuesday night at Lou's house. The next morning he went to the Embassy compound. By about mid-morning we began to hear shots from that area. Through his house man, in fact, his steady house man calling his friends and all that, we found out that, in fact, the Embassy was under seige and had been taken by, first some kind of counter revolutionary forces, and then the revolutionary forces had retaken it, and maintained control of the Embassy from that point on. So we didn't hear from Lou until pretty late that afternoon, when he came back and confirmed that that had been the case, and he had spent a good bit of his time falling on the floor, diving this way or that way as various group were solving this, that or the other.

KF Describe Lou for a moment.

JH Lou is fairly old. In his 50's I would say, fairly, not fat, but heavy in the middle, kind of a round face, white hair, balding on the top, a likeable enough guy. He had a career in diplomats, spent alot of his time in the South American and Spanish speaking countries.

KF Okay.

JH So, due to those circumstances, we decided we would not go to the Embassy compound, and accepted Lou's invitation to stay at his house. We had managed to get through to Dallas, or get a call from Dallas. And I think we called Dallas that morning of, early Wednesday morning, after everybody had gone to bed Tuesday night. Joe Poche primarily stayed up, called Dallas and told them where we were, and our plans were to go to the Embassy the next morning. Those plans got changed because of the attack on the Embassy. But also that changed because the attack on the Embassy was communications between the United States and Iran. They had just, the U.S. inhabitants in the Embassy had destroyed the communication gear there when the Embassy was assaulted. And therefore, the regular phone lines were taken over, we found out later, by the government, for purpose of communication. And so we were pretty well isolated, we did not know what was going on with the other team as to whether they had taken off or had not taken off. We could not get communication back and forth from the United States until we were pretty much on our own. We finally, I think it was on Thursday morning, a very short and staticy call came through, that was...it was confusing to us because it was Tom Walter, but the operator said something about a call from London. And the call kept breaking off and on, but we did, I think, manage to communicate with that call, that it was Thursday or Friday morning that we were going to try and get on the first evacuation flight. I found out later that Merv Stauffer had arranged, through a friend of his in the Southwestern Bell organization, to patch it through illegally some way, so it appeared as if the call originated from London.

KF In fact, I think it was through AT&T.

JH Yes. That's probably the case. I'm not sure that's publishable but Merv can decide that.

KF Of course you didn't have the code, so when you spoke to Dallas it was all...

JH Yes, it was...I had seen the code at Dvoranchik's house, but we were being pretty much above board, then we were not referring to the other group or anything like that, we were just trying to explain what our situation was.

KF That's interesting, and it....since the time on Sunday night, when you had spoken openly, Simons, and various other security matters over the phone. Had Simons drilled you a bit in security, or did that just happen automatically, you stopped talking about that other team?

JH Yes, it was just consistent with our posture at that time...

KF Because you had a story, your story was that you didn't know anything about...

JH Yes. And Lou didn't know anything about Simons, or that aspect of it. He knew that Bill Gayden and Keane Taylor were somewhere out looking for Paul and Bill and we're interested in getting out of the country. The evacuation flights, it turned out, were supposed to start on Saturday, and we had a conference about whether we should attempt to get on the first evacuation flight. xxxxxx the most confused, or kind of watch the first few and see the pattern as to what was going on and be able to plan our activity around that, but we decided to get on the first flight, and that necessitated us checking into the Embassy the night before, on Friday night, to processing. Because the commercial flights Pan Am's 747's, but were arranged through the Embassy as evacuation flights, you didn't have to buy a ticket and all that kind of stuff.

KF You didn't or didn't?

JH Did not. Paid the bill later for the plane fare. There was one part that I had skipped over. And I might go back and pick it up now, was the situation with Kathy, as you know, she had medical problems. When we got to Lou's house on Tuesday night, the number one thing we were concerned about, for lack of any other way to get her medical attention we decided to call a hospital ambulance, the military hospital.

KF The American Military.

JH Right. We were trying to keep a very low profile, and this didn't quite fit into the scheme of things when this ambulance came up with lights flashing, and revolutionary guards, anyway they took her off for that event, and there was no serious problem, and she was ready to come back the next day. We talked to her on the telephone, and figured probably the best way to get her back, to continue to keep as low a profile in drawing as little attention to Lou's house as possible, was to have [REDACTED], who was, I guess had kind of emerged into our most trusted employee, Iranian employee in Tehran. We thought that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] would be with the group going to Turkey. We heard that he was still in Tehran that further confused as to what might be going on. We asked Kathy to call [REDACTED], and have [REDACTED] pick her up and bring her back to a designated street corner where Rich would meet her and bring her on back to the house. We had previously asked [REDACTED] to check us out of the hotel. We passed him some money, Jay had met with him and given him a bunch of currency, Iranian currency that we had. And I believe through Kathy coming back was the first that we had really heard about the instances at the hotel, where the revolutionaries had taken over the hotel on Monday morning, after we had left, had evidently harassed most of the customers there, the people that stayed there, the foreigners, had searched through the rooms and evidently with some of our rooms, they had gotten very upset with things they had found, and shot up some rooms and all of that. I'm not sure what all gear that Jay and the sunshine boys may

JH have had with their stuff. They did leave some gear in the hotel cont. also. With our gear in there, we had some things that probably would arouse suspicion, in particular we had some tape recorders, and some suction microphones that we would stick to our phones as we were passing information back and forth over the telephone, and it was alot easier to record it that way, and transcribe it, rather than try to take it down over the phone.

KF It was coded messages.

JH No, this is just...If Dadgar had asked a question about, you know, if something happened, tell me about so and so. Somebody would say we would research, we'll get the information together and then instead of me sitting down, or somebody sitting down and writing it in longhand we'd just have him read it over the phone and record it and have a secretary transcribe the tape. Nothing very sinister, but again, electronic paraphernalia, I guess, from a revolutionaries standpoint. There was a set of children's walkie talkies that, in visiting one of the houses of EMS employees, one of the guys had seen a set of walkie talkies and thought it might be fun to play with at the hotel, so he brought them back, and that was in one of the suit cases, and that looked suspicious, but they tore up our luggage, took various things, there was some jewelry in some of the suit cases. They took things of value and then various other things, that didn't make much sense. They took my tie case, I had a tie case with some ties in it, and things like that.

KF Was there any indication...I believe there was, that they were looking for somebody, perhaps even Paul and Bill.

JH To me it's not entirely connected, it's maybe a different event. Monday, I guess after the jailbreak, Monday the 12th, when we had gone to Dvoranchik's house we were checking with various people. Once of the sources we checked with were the military friends of the Gallagher's. Kathy Gallagher worked with the U.S. Military in Tehran,

JH and they had friends with the military establishment there. And it cont. turned out, the report we got was that some Iranians, had fairly early on Monday, and I think this was before the hotel was formally taken over by the revolutionaries, had come around with pictures of two Americans, and had gone both the Havine Motel, which was just a few feet away from the Hyatt, and to the Hyatt, asking if anybody had ever seen these two people. And it's my presumption that those were probably people from Dadgar's staff with pictures of Paul and Bill. Though at the time I discounted that possibility, because I didn't see how in the hell that guy could have organized any kind of activity in this country that had just fallen apart. I thought that was our saving grace that, you know, there was not structure there, for Dadgar to do anything. I mean, he could sit in his office and fume and rant and rave, but I didn't see how he could make anything work in the country, since it was just falling to pieces. But in retrospect, I found out that he could.

KF Let's go then to the evacuation flight.

JH We had checked into the...

KF Oh, you went to the Embassy on Friday night.

JH Yes, went to the Embassy on Friday night. Processing was fairly routine, alot of standing up and waiting. We had decided to minimize our references to EDS, we weren't quite sure whose ears might hear what. But it was pretty much a long night of waiting, you know, revolutionary guards everywhere with rifles, running around. The luggage had been taken to a big room, we spent some time sorting out our luggage, finding our luggage. They had passed out claim checks, and we put the claim checks on your suit case, and keep your little receipt. But primarily it was just a long wait. Then fairly early the next morning they orderd a bunch of buses. There was, again, two 747 evacuation flights so there were a good number of people.

KF Let's try and remember times for this period. About what time did you board the buses?

JH I would guess that we first boarded the buses probably around 8:30 to 9:00 time frame. There was some delay there, getting everybody on board buses, getting things together. Then we headed out to the airport in kind of a caravan. This is probably even earlier than that, because we were on the road, we were probably on the road by 8:30 or 9:00. So we probably started boarding the buses around 7 o'clock range.

KF So you probably got to the airport at 9:00.

JH Yes, or 9:30 or something like that.

KF And when you got to the airport you began to think about whether Dadgar or his men would do a visual check. So you were trying to find out whether anybody was looking for you at the airport...

JH Well, we didn't begin when we got there. We thought about that possibility before hand...

KF How did you attempt to determine this when you got there? Just by looking around?

JH That's what...we were trying to look around with the ability that we could...hoping that we would recognize them before they recognized us.

KF What kind of people were looking at photographs and scanning the crowd when you got there?

JH That is a...Bob Young would be a better source for that than I..I didn't notice at the time, he told me about it later. But the evacuees, the several hundred of us were in kind of a mass, kind of milling around, nobody, since this was the first evacuation flight, and these

JH revolutionary people had probably never conducted an evacuation cont. before, and nobody quite knew what to do. So there was a bunch of milling around and waiting. And we were trying to be inconspicuous in seeing if anybody was looking for us. The rest of the airport was fairly deserted. Bob Young told me later that he had seen, on the purple (?) area of the crowd, a couple of people...

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KF Iranians?

JH I don't know if they were Iranians or not. I think maybe they were not, but I'm not sure about that. Looking at photographs, and looking around the crowd, and he was saying, oh, no, he didn't recognize those people, but he thought that maybe they had a picture of us, and then when they zeroed into the Gallagher's he got real worried, but it turned out that they were friends of friends of theirs, military friends who had collected some of their luggage, and these people were trying to deliver suit cases.

KF Okay, so a false alarm.

JH Right.

KF You try to find out what kind of security checks you would have to go through.

JH Right.

KF One of the people you were asked was with Pan Am. But did you ask anybody else?

JH I did not. Joe Poche was the one who was doing most of the checking. Has anyone ever given you any kind of a description as to what the Tehran airport looks like?

KF No.

JH I'll draw a brief picture.

(Explaining as he draws) The runways and all would be out here, and there is a large lounge, waiting area, and the airport offices are here, with the ticket counters being out here. And kind of around this area there is processing flow. You would normally...and the entrance would be out here, and you would come up to the ticket counters, and do your business with the ticket counter, and then you would come through and there is a kind of an initial check, primarily, normally it's just a check for ticket passengers who are only supposed to go past that point. Then you come around here and there is a little booth where they collect an airport tax, and then you have the primary passport control. Several lines where you go to the passport control and then the big waiting area. And then Tehran is an airport that uses buses to take people to the planes instead of planes coming up to the airport. So you would wait there and they'd bus you to the planes. We were..the evacuees were milling around in this area, and while, I guess somebody was trying to see what procedure to follow, and Joe had gone up to the Pan Am ticket counter and ask the people there what kind of security check was going on back here in this area. And the information he got was to the effect that there were two guys that we're looking for, but as far as any other that those two guys there was not going to be a new stop list published in the last few weeks.

KF Okay. But there was somebody, evidently somebody at the Pan Am ticket counter, even though she had no tickets to sell.

JH Yes. Some way or another, and I don't know how, I don't remember now exactly what it was. But there was some documentation taking place. Some way to prevent somebody just wandering off the street that had not gone through the processing of getting on the plane. So we did have to go up to the ticket counter to do some sort of documentation.

KF About what time of day did you go passport control?

JH Probably about late morning I would guess.

KF So we are talking around 11 o'clock.

JH Probably later than that. More around noon.

KF After passport control you have another long wait, and then you pass through security, cash retention, check point. About what time would you have passed through that?

JH That would have been more in the say 1:30 range I guess.

KF Now there is another wait. Joe hides several thousand dollars in his shoes. And then you are taken outside to get on the bus. What time do you think you would have got on the bus?

JH That was shortly after the passport control. About 1:45 or 2:00.

KF But you didn't get on the bus immediately....Oh, no...I asked you when did you get on the bus.

JH Well the episode you are leading to, checking the baggage did not take very long, some 100, 200 bags sitting out on this...

KF So you probably got on the bus at 2:00.

JH Thereabouts, yes.

KF What was the confusion about who should be on what flight?

JH The evacuation organization was done, to a large degree, along the organization lines as companies, we were associated with the Embassy staff and the Embassy was supposed to be on the plane to Frankfurt.

JH Say the Bell Helicopter employees were maybe supposed to be on the cont. plane to Athens, I can use as an example, I don't know if that's true. But they were two different 747's and the buses from the airport terminal went to the different 747's and it turned out that there were too many people on the bus to Frankfurt, and not enough on the one to Athens. So there was some confusion as to...all the Bell Helicopter on the plane to Frankfurt please get off and go to the other one.

KF Okay. You get on board the plane.

JH Well, we had thought, when we got through passport control that we were home free. That's where...if somebody was trying to stop us that's where it would be. That's the point in the normal process designed to catch somebody, that's where the stop list normally is, that's where they check passport papers. So once we got by there we assumed that it was just all over but the shouting. And it wasn't until a little bit later that we began to figure out what really, a highly devious and intelligent scheme that Dadgar had come up, with the plane check.

KF What time would it have been that the pilot gave the names of Paul John and William Demming?

JH That probably would have been around 3:00. The first time that we had any indication that, hey, we're not home free was coming up the gang prank of the stairway to the airport, where there was another passport check. But that was not a very detailed check, that was more like they would do a quick face to passport picture. That was not a big deal. It was not until everybody was sitting in the plane, and we had sorted out this confusion as to who was supposed to be on what plane, that the pilot had asked for those two people.

KF You got a knot in your stomach and pretended you were continuing to read your book. Do you remember the book?

JH I think that that was the book that I referred to earlier, the Intrigue in the Middle East, something about Doubod (?). I can't remember the name of it right now.

KF The pilot makes this, sort of a threat, really, unless Paul John and William Demming identify themselves, there will have to be another passport check. What time did the man in charge on the ground come aboard for the further passport check?

JH My guess would be about 4:30.

KF Then a check for luggage is instituted. Where are we now, 5, 5:30?

JH Probably in the 5:30 range.

KF There is another hour or so delay after this luggage check, so are we at 6:30 now?

JH Probably, that's...

KF Clearance from the FAA to take off.

JH Yes. It was getting to be dusk when we took off. And I think 6:30 is probably about right for that time of year.

KF And then....you must have taken off about 7:00 then.

JH Well it..Okay, the passport search, that started at 5:30, it wasn't much after that when we took off. It was like they slammed the doors and started rolling down the runway about the same time.

KF So you probably take off at 6:30 then.

JH Yes, thereabouts.

KF And when you left Iran air space there was a good deal of rejoicing. Do you remember anything specific. Anything anybody said...

JH No, there was just a...you know, maybe a few mild cheers, there wasn't any like Mardi Gras. Most people were pretty tired. We had all been at the Embassy, up pretty much all night long, and it was more of quiet sense of relief than anything.

KF You finally get inside Ross' 707 on the Frankfurt runway. You take off, there is this rather luxurious equipped plane, stacked with food and drink. Do you remember when you first....that must have been a rather euphoric moment.

JH Well..

KF Except that you were so tired.

JH It was a combination of being tired, and also being somewhat disappointed. We were, I guess, ready for the adventure to be over. We were going to have ourselves a party in Frankfurt and then sleep it off and get it up and worry about getting back to the United States. And, you know, when we first saw, I forget who it was, in the lobby of the Frankfurt airport, we got off of the evacuation flight and coming through the gate area there, we saw somebody say, this way. My thought was, oh no, here we go again. Rich and Kathy Gallagher said, no way. We're going to stay here and do our own thing, and they didn't get on the 707.

KF That's interesting.

JH So we arranged for them to collect our baggage, and ship it to us a little later. It was kind of quickly in the hallway, because people were saying come on, come on, come on.

KF The Gallagher's don't seem to have had quite the same team spirit about this whole affair as everybody else. And now, of course, they no longer work for EDS, or Rich doesn't, he no longer works for EDS.

JH Right.

KF Were they from the start, just people who didn't identify strongly with EDS as the rest of you?

JH Probably...they are delightful people, I enjoy them alot. When they were in Dallas they came to our house for dinner and all that. But Rich is not a long time EDSer. He was employed in the early stages of Iran, of the EDS experience in Iran, and worked for EDS only in Iran until these events. He's a very engaging person, he's not a...doesn't have alot of future in management. He's not a decision maker, he's not a hard charger, he knows the ropes, and how to go get 'em and do all that. And Kathy had worked for the Military people in Iran, they had a large circle of friends in Iran, and while they were generally well liked, well received, he was not what I would call a hard core EDSer. And he...neither one of them were really that into the whole experience. They just didn't identify, I guess, with the situation, it was something they wouldn't be able to do, a little bit on the outside watching it always, as opposed to really being part of it.

KF I wonder why Rich had stayed back then, in Iran, rather than...and particularly why Kathy had.

JH Well Kathy had stayed back because that was her home and she had a job there. She was the one who worked during the day. Kathy I think had come back and then had gone back to Iran. Rich stayed because somebody asked him to, and he's always willing to do what you ask him to. He was a good person, he knew the ropes, he

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